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DRAFT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

REF: A) STATE 63961; B) OECD PARIS 6958;

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1. SUMMARY. OECD COUNCIL HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION
ON LANGUAGE QUESTION OF SUPPORT AGREEMENT. DUTCH,
SUPPORTED BY SOME OTHERS, MADE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL.
DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION NOT DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY

2. OECD COUNCIL ON MARCH 21 TOOK UP ISSUES RELATED TO
LANGUAGES IN SUPPORT FUND AGREEMENT. DUTCH PERMREP
MADE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING
ELEMENTS:

A) THE QUESTION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES WHICH APPEARS
IN ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 12, OF DRAFT SUPPORT
FUND AGREEMENT WOULD BE DELETED. THE EFFECT OF THIS
WOULD BE TO LEAVE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE QUESTION TO THE
DISCRETION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE FUND.

B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE ADOPTED IN IEA,
AUTHENTIC TEXT UNDER ARTICLE XXIII, SECTION 5 OF DRAFT
SUPPORT FUND AGREEMENT WOULD BE PREPARED IN THREE
LANGUAGES, ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN.

3. DUTCH APPEALED TO GERMANS AND ITALIANS TO ACCEPT
COMPROMISE IN SPIRIT OF AVOIDING COMPLICATIONS AND
GETTING ON WITH IMPORTANT TASK OF HAVING EVERYTHING
READY FOR SIGNATURE ON APRIL 9. DUTCH PERMREP
RESERVED RIGHT TO ASK FOR USE OF DUTCH LANGUAGE IF
ITALIANS INSISTED ON HAVING THEIRS. NETHERLANDS
COMPROMISE SUPPORTED BY BELGIANS, AND ON PERSONAL BASIS
BY SPANISH PERMREP.

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4. GERMAN PERMREP INDICATING HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE
OF DUTCH COMPROMISE, MADE STATEMENT OF ARGUMENTS IN
FAVOR OF USING GERMAN BOTH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND IN
AUTHENTIC TEXT OF AGREEMENT. HE NOTED HIGH QUOTA OF
GERMANY IN FUND, HIGH DEGREE OF POSSIBILITY OF JUDICIAL
PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH BORROWING BY FUND IN

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GERMAN CAPITAL MARKET, FACILITATION OF COMMUNICATION AMONG VARIOUS OFFICIAL ENTITIES IN GERMANY THAT WOULD HAVE TO GET INVOLVED, AND THAT PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF FUND IN GERMANY WOULD BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT IF GERMANY DID NOT APPEAR AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH GERMAN BUDGETARY FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE USED TO PAY FOR GERMAN LANGUAGE SERVICES.

5. ITALIAN REP ARGUED HIS OFFICIAL POSITION WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF GERMANY. NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT SOMETHING ALONG LINES NETHERLANDS' PROPOSAL BE ACCEPTED IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE. WITH RESPECT TO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, HE COULD PERSONALLY CONTEMPLATE GOING ALONG WITH DELETION OF SECTION 12 OF ARTICLE XVI. (COMMENT. HOWEVER, ITALIAN INTERPRETATION OF EFFECT OF THIS DELETION APPEARED TO BE THAT NORMAL OECD RULES WOULD APPLY.) WITH RESPECT TO AUTHENTIC TEXT, ITALIANS SUGGESTED AN ALTERNATIVE TO DUTCH COMPROMISE TO THE EFFECT THAT ONLY ENGLISH AND FRENCH TEXTS WOULD BE SIGNED ON APRIL 9. SUBSEQUENTLY, ITALIANS WOULD WISH TO HAVE ITALIAN AUTHENTIC TEXT DRAWN UP IN CASE OTHERS (I.E., GERMANY) INSISTED ON HAVING ONE.

6. SEC GEN VAN LENNEP STATED HE FELT DISCUSSION HAD GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS IT COULD BE DEVELOPED UP TO THIS POINT AND SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL RETURN TO LANGUAGE QUESTION ON MARCH 25.

7. THE DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION TEXT WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 21. COUNCIL MAY TURN TO THIS QUESTION ON MARCH 25.

8. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SECRETARIAT THAT COUNCIL MEETING TO ADOPT DECISION ON SUPPORT FUND WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7.
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